Population Estimates

For the year ending October 1, 2010, Alberta's population growth slowed to 1.40%, down from 1.95% in the previous year. This is the smallest year-over-year population growth for Alberta since 1995 (1.34%), and less than half of the recent peak growth of 3.17% in 2006. Alberta had the third fastest yearly population growth among the provinces after Saskatchewan and British Columbia, and the fifth fastest quarterly growth behind Prince Edward Island, Ontario, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

As of October 1, 2010, Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,735,086, an increase of 51,643 persons from October 1, 2009 (Table 1). Although the Alberta yearly growth rate of 1.4% was the lowest in 15 years, it was still 20% more than the national average of 1.16% for the current year.

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES CANADA & ALBERTA

	Population			Yearly Growth Rate	
Oct 1	Canada	Alberta	Oct 1	Canada	Alberta
2006	32,690,242	3,452,956	2006	1.04%	3.17%
2007	33,046,287	3,530,555	2007	1.09%	2.25%
2008	33,445,591	3,613,134	2008	1.21%	2.34%
2009	33,846,847	3,683,443	2009	1.20%	1.95%
2010	34,238,035	3,735,086	2010	1.16%	1.40%

Source: Statistics Canada

Table 2 provides population estimates for October 1, 2010 for all provinces and territories and the growth rates since October 1, 2009. As shown in this table, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alberta had the highest growth rates among the provinces at 1.53%, 1.50% and 1.40% respectively.

Migration

During the third quarter of 2010 (July 1 to September 30), Alberta gained 1,155 persons in interprovincial migration as compared to a loss of 2,535 people in the previous third quarter. This is the province's third quarterly interprovincial migration gain this year after two consecutive quarterly losses in the second half of 2009 (Tables 3 and 4). Alberta substantially reduced the interprovincial migration loss to British Columbia from -1,700 in the previous third quarter to -378 in the current third quarter. As presented in Table 3, the top three sending as well as receiving provinces of Alberta's interprovincial migrants were British Columbia, Ontario and Saskatchewan.

In the third quarter of 2010, Alberta received a net total of 6,361 international migrants, 40% more than the third quarter of last year. Although international migration remained strong as Canada still welcomed immigrants, Alberta continued to lose non-permanent residents due to weakened labour market conditions. The province had a net loss of 1,643 non-permanent residents between July 1 and September 30, 2010, the fourth quarterly loss since October 1 of 2009.

Natural Increase

Alberta experienced a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 8,267 people during this third quarter. The province had 13,613 births and 5,346 deaths between July 1 and September 30, 2010. Alberta continued to have the highest proportion of natural increase among the provinces which accounted for more than half of the 14,140 population growth in this third quarter.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2010 & GROWTH RATES SINCE OCTOBER 1, 2009

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	509,239	143,241	943,882	752,814	7,932,141	13,268,558	1,240,020	1,049,701	3,735,086	4,551,853	34,475	43,757	33,268
Growth Rate	-0.05%	1.19%	0.26%	0.34%	0.99%	1.17%	1.33%	1.53%	1.40%	1.50%	1.62%	0.67%	2.58%

Source: Statistics Canada

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TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

	Destination												
Origine	**Nfld.**	**P.E.I.**	**N.S.**	**N.B.**	**QUE.**	**ONT.**	**MAN.**	**SASK.**	**AB.**	**B.C.**	**Y.T.**	**NWT**	**NVT.**
Nfld and Lab.	0	50	331	255	54	911	65	150	1,067	171	0	19	75
Prince Edward I.	73	0	214	128	94	607	12	6	95	168	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	334	93	0	852	304	2,187	66	107	1,405	670	22	0	35
New Brunswick	86	155	662	0	790	1,145	129	89	625	279	14	0	0
Quebec	80	31	249	584	0	5,805	150	198	1,055	953	19	5	25
Ontario	797	306	1,954	982	5,190	0	1,581	1,146	5,470	4,408	123	75	27
Manitoba	51	13	147	83	237	1,722	0	698	1,448	1,224	0	50	14
Saskatchewan	20	25	81	91	120	864	709	0	3,082	1,085	0	16	20
Alberta	693	159	1,111	611	1,292	5,571	970	2,650	0	7,317	18	132	23
British Columbia	159	140	439	255	1,037	5,008	645	1,098	6,939	0	212	53	24
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	16	30	31	0	84	262	165	0	7	0
Northwest Terr.	14	0	10	0	0	162	0	43	239	111	30	0	19
Nunavut Terr.	11	0	0	0	28	129	61	0	15	50	13	79	0
	Nfld.	**P.E.I.**	**N.S.**	**N.B.**	**QUE.**	**ONT.**	**MAN.**	**SASK.**	**AB.**	**B.C.**	**Yukon**	**NWT.**	**NVT.**
In Migration	2,318	972	5,198	3,857	9,176	24,142	4,388	6,269	21,702	16,601	451	436	262
Out Migration	3,148	1,397	6,075	3,974	9,154	22,059	5,687	6,113	20,547	16,009	595	628	386
Net Migration	-830	-425	-877	-117	22	2,083	-1,299	156	1,155	592	-144	-192	-124

Source: Statistics Canada

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Table 4: Alberta Migration by Quarter

Quarter	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total	NPR*	Total+NPR
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Net Migration including Net NPR
2006											
Jan-Mar	23,163	10,843	**12,320**	4,727	1,033	519	536	**3,711**	**16,031**	1,546	**17,577**
Apr-Jun	22,820	13,308	**9,512**	5,445	1,170	549	885	**4,611**	**14,123**	2,210	**16,333**
Jul-Sep	34,456	17,727	**16,729**	5,714	2,491	714	2,266	**4,775**	**21,504**	2,795	**24,299**
Oct-Dec	20,628	12,950	**7,678**	4,832	1,382	524	629	**3,555**	**11,233**	1,232	**12,465**
Total	*101,067*	*54,828*	***46,239***	*20,718*	*6,076*	*2,306*	*4,316*	***16,652***	***62,891***	***7,783***	***70,674***
2007											
Jan-Mar	18,625	13,900	**4,725**	4,015	1,237	500	645	**2,923**	**7,648**	4,227	**11,875**
Apr-Jun	21,947	17,270	**4,677**	5,595	1,637	568	1137	**4,527**	**9,204**	5,840	**15,044**
Jul-Sep	26,228	24,023	**2,205**	6,171	3,362	734	1,079	**3,154**	**5,359**	4,672	**10,031**
Oct-Dec	15,614	13,579	**2,035**	5,085	1,913	542	452	**3,082**	**5,117**	2,568	**7,685**
Total	*82,414*	*68,772*	***13,642***	*20,866*	*8,149*	*2,344*	*3,313*	***13,686***	***27,328***	***17,307***	***44,635***
2008											
Jan-Mar	18,572	14,710	**3,862**	5,352	1,553	494	487	**3,792**	**7,654**	4,037	**11,691**
Apr-Jun	24,023	16,808	**7,215**	7,196	1,867	536	820	**5,613**	**12,828**	7,334	**20,162**
Jul-Sep	22,732	20,075	**2,657**	6,455	3,375	729	1,079	**3,430**	**6,087**	7,605	**13,692**
Oct-Dec	15,137	11,026	**4,111**	5,201	1,959	544	452	**3,150**	**7,261**	4,532	**11,793**
Total	*80,464*	*62,619*	***17,845***	*24,204*	*8,754*	*2,303*	*2,838*	***15,985***	***33,830***	***23,508***	***57,338***
2009											
Jan-Mar	18,711	14,026	**4,685**	5,764	1,598	497	487	**4,156**	**8,841**	4,544	**13,385**
Apr-Jun	18,658	16,927	**1,731**	7,739	1,921	539	820	**6,099**	**7,830**	2,481	**10,311**
Jul-Sep	20,790	23,325	**-2,535**	7,585	3,447	732	1,079	**4,485**	**1,950**	2,386	**4,336**
Oct-Dec	12,124	14,904	**-2,780**	5,929	1,973	543	452	**3,865**	**1,085**	*-1,663*	**-578**
Total	*70,283*	*69,182*	***1,101***	*27,017*	*8,939*	*2,311*	*2,838*	***18,605***	***19,706***	***7,748***	***27,454***
2010											
Jan-Mar	19,340	19,028	**312**	6,761	1,605	495	487	**5,148**	**5,460**	-47	**5,413**
Apr-Jun	23,083	20,263	**2,820**	9,686	1,934	537	820	**8,035**	**10,855**	-753	**10,102**
Jul-Sep	21,702	20,547	**1,155**	9,492	3,478	732	1,079	**6,361**	**7,516**	-1,643	**5,873**
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**	*n/a*	**n/a**
Total	*64,125*	*59,838*	***4,287***	*25,939*	*7,017*	*1,764*	*2,386*	***19,544***	***23,831***	***-2,443***	***21,388***

* Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of non-permanent residents living in Canada. The five following groups are referred to as NPRs: (1) persons residing in Canada claiming refugee status; (2) persons residing in Canada who hold a study permit; (3) persons residing in Canada who hold a work permit; (4) persons residing in Canada who hold a Minister's permit; (5) all non-Canadian born dependants of persons claiming refugee status, or of persons holding study permits, work permits or Minister's permits and living in Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada

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